

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 721 - HB 1106**

March 3, 2011

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires a court to hold an expedited hearing, if appropriate, for a temporary modification to a decree for child custody or visitation when a parent who is to be mobilized into military duty requires immediate attention. Requires the court to allow testimony to be given by electronic means while the military parent is out of the state, if necessary. Authorizes the court to permanently modify a decree of child custody or visitation if a parent volunteers for successive or frequent duties that remove the parent from the state.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

**Assumptions:**

- Court-ordered modification of a child custody decree based on the active duty of a mobilized parent is generally temporary and reverts back to the previous child custody decree at the end of the deployment.
- Under current law, a court is authorized to permanently modify a decree of child custody or visitation if a parent volunteers for permanent military duty as a career choice, regardless of whether the parent volunteered for duty while a member of the armed forces.
- The proposed legislation will not have a significant impact on the caseloads of the state and local court systems.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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